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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 25 PERMREPS LUNCH: NATO CONSULTATIONS ON
TERRORISM

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1. DRAWING ON REFTTEL, RUMSFELD SAID WASHINGTON BELIEVED THE ATTACK ON THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE POINTED UP THE NEED FOR AN URGENT NATO STUDY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JAPANESE RED ARMY (JAR). U.S. BELIEVED THAT A SOMEWHAT NARROWER APPROACH WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO A BROAD-GAUGED STUDY AT THIS TIME OF ATTACKS ON DIPLOMATS. THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO SUBMIT TO THE ALLIES A PAPER DESCRIBING THE JAPANESE RED ARMY THREAT AND TO PROPOSE THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC, OPEN-ENDED GROUP WITHIN THE ALLIANCE TO STUDY THE HAGUE INCIDENT AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CAPITALS. THE U.S. BELIEVED THAT SUCH A GROUP COULD FINISH ITS WORK WITHIN A MONTH'S TIME. RUMSFELD STRESSED THE NEED FOR STRICT SECRECY SINCE LEAKAGE OF SUCH AN ACTIVITY COULD PROVIDE A CAMPAIGN AGAINST NATO BY THE JAPANESE RED ARMY.
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2. DUTCH PERMREP (HARTOGH) SAID HE WAS GREAT MERIT IN THE U.S. PROPOSED STUDY. HE HAD ASKED THE HAGUE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SO THAT THE FRENCH AND DUTCH MIGHT SHARE THEIR RECENT EXPERIENCES WITH THE OTHER ALLIES. TO DATE, HOWEVER,

HE HAD RECEIVED NO REPLY FROM THE HAGUE. RESPONDING TO BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE'S EXPRESSION OF CONCERN WONDERING WHAT JAPAN HAD DONE TO SUPPRESS THE JAPANESE RED ARMY, HARTOGH REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HAD FORCES MANY JRA LEADERS TO LEAVE JAPAN. KRAPF (FRG) AGREED THAT THE GOJ HAD DONE ALL IT COULD AND SUGGESTED THAT MANY OF THE JAPANESE TERRORIST LEADERS HAD TAKEN RESIDENCE IN LEBANON AND SYRIA. SOME OF THE MOST WANTED INDIVIDUALS ARE AT LIBERTY IN WESTERN EUROPE, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

3. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) AND PECK (U.K.) JOINED OTHERS IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. STUDY PROPOSAL. PECK ADDED THAT THE STUDY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THOSE ELEMENTS THAT MOTIVATE THE JAPANESE RED ARMY. PECK'S REMARK PROMPTED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF PAST AND PRESENT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND THE OBSERVATION THAT TERRORIST EVENTS DID NOT FREQUENTLY OCCUR IN THE SOVIET UNION. A POSSIBLE NEED WAS ALSO SUGGESTED FOR NEW LEGISLATION. RUMSFELD.

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